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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOTT'S REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
REF: STATE 166516 P

1. TRINIDAD'S AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TODMAN ON JULY 14 TO PROPOSE THAT U.S.-TRINIDAD ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS BEGIN IN PORT OF SPAIN ON AUGUST 2. AMBASSADOR TODMAN EXPRESSED THE U.S. INTEREST IN HOLDING THE MEETING AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS ASKING THE SECRETARY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH FORMING A TEAM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL CONCERNED USG AGENCIES. HE TOLD MCINTYRE THAT HE WOULD INFORM HIM OF DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ON JULY 16 THE SECRETARY AUTHORIZED ARA AND EB TO PROCEED WITH FORMING A TEAM. ARA HAS CONTACTED EB AND
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OES IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND TREASURY, AID, EXIM BANK, OPIC, COMMERCE, FEA, ERDA, AND STR. MOST HAVE EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST AND HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF EXACT COMPOSITION OF TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARELLANO WILL LEAD THE TEAM. TEAM PLANS TO ARRIVE IN PORT OF SPAIN ON AUGUST 1 AND

HOLD MEETINGS ON AUGUST 2 AND 3.

3. PRESENT DEPARTMENT THINKING IS THAT TALKS MIGHT CONSIST OF A PLENARY SESSION ON MORNING AUGUST 2, HALF-DAY WORKING GROUP SESSIONS ON AFTERNOON AUGUST 2 (POSSIBLY CONTINUING MORNING AUGUST 3) AND A FINAL HALF-DAY PLENARY SESSION AUGUST 3. FIRST PLENARY SESSION WOULD GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF TRINIDADIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS. AT THE WORKING GROUP SESSIONS PERTINENT TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR TRINIDADIAN COUNTERPARTS WOULD PURSUE DISCUSSIONS IN GREATER DEPTH IN THE AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY, FINANCE, TRADE AND ENERGY. FINAL PLENARY SESSION WOULD BE TO BRING TOGETHER RESULTS OF WORKING GROUP SESSIONS AND PLAN AND SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OR MEETINGS.

4. DEPT. PLANS TO INFORM MCINTYRE OF DECISION TO FORM TEAM, ITS GENERAL COMPOSITION, AND OUR VIEWS ON TIMING AND PROPOSED SESSIONS.

5. AMBASSADOR SHOULD INFORM PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS ABOUT TEAM COMPOSITION AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR TALKS AS PROMISED IN REFTEL, AND REPORT REACTIONS. VANCE

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